

**Introduced by Senator Price**

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Senate Resolution No. 47—Relative to small business jobs and credit.

1 WHEREAS, One of the primary purposes of the proposed  
2 federal Small Business Jobs and Credit Act of 2010 (H.R. 5297)  
3 is to establish a Small Business Lending Fund Program that  
4 provides incentives for smaller banks to make new loans, establish  
5 a State Small Business Credit Initiative that would spur over \$20  
6 billion in new lending through innovative state-based programs,  
7 and eliminate capital gains taxes on owners of small business stock,  
8 a step that will spur investment, innovation, and job creation for  
9 small businesses; and

10 WHEREAS, The United States Senate Committee on Small  
11 Business and Entrepreneurship’s Internet Web site states that  
12 “America’s 27 million small businesses are the nations’s engine  
13 of growth, pumping almost a trillion dollars into the economy each  
14 year, creating two-thirds of all new jobs annually and making up  
15 more than half the U.S. workforce”; and

16 WHEREAS, That small businesses create most of the jobs in  
17 the economy and, over the past decade and a half, America’s small  
18 businesses have created 65 percent of all new jobs in the country.  
19 More than half of all Americans working in the private sector are  
20 either employed by a small business or own one. These companies  
21 are the engine of job growth in America. They fuel our prosperity  
22 and should be at the forefront of our recovery; and

23 WHEREAS, We must continue our efforts on a bipartisan basis  
24 to help these firms stay in business and focus on the urgent tasks  
25 of growing our economy and creating jobs; and

1 WHEREAS, All industries in California, including the financial  
2 industry, believe that increasing current small business loan  
3 amounts to \$5 million, coupled with making lower-cost capital  
4 available to community lenders, would stimulate the California  
5 economy as long as the applicants meet the financial requirements.  
6 As in any business, the best customers are the existing customers,  
7 and, in this case, those customers are those that have been servicing  
8 their loans but who are limited in their growth due to the current  
9 Small Business Administration loan limits; and

10 WHEREAS, While some financial institutions are holding onto  
11 their lending capital, the financial industry generally likes the Small  
12 Business Administration program and many financial institutions  
13 would like to lend more of their capital through the program  
14 because of the federal guarantees that are not normally available  
15 to non-Small Business Administration applicants. Therefore, the  
16 Senate supports the continued efforts of the United States  
17 Department of the Treasury to work with the Small Business  
18 Administration to provide additional support to smaller community  
19 lenders that are committed to increasing their lending to small  
20 businesses; and

21 WHEREAS, Because the financial impact to our California  
22 economy and to the United States economy of the enactment of  
23 the proposed federal Small Business Jobs and Credit Act of 2010  
24 would be great, there would be a very large return on a small Small  
25 Business Administration investment; now, therefore, be it

26 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate  
27 urges the United States Congress to expedite the process of passing  
28 the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act of 2010 (H.R. 5297) due  
29 to the present state of the economy and need for a good economic  
30 stimulus, and urges President Barack Obama to sign H.R. 5297 at  
31 the earliest possible date; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
33 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United  
34 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the  
35 Minority Leaders of the House of Representatives, to the majority  
36 and minority leaders in the Senate, to each Senator or  
37 Representative that is either an author or coauthor of the Small  
38 Business Jobs and Credit Act of 2010, and to each Senator and

- 1 Representative from California in the Congress of the United
- 2 States.

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